Bushfield Road Infant School Nursery



Parent's Information Booklet September 2024

Welcome to Bushfield Road Infant School Nursery. Thank you for choosing our Nursery.

Our Nursery Key Workers:



Nursery Teacher: Mrs K Pogson



Early Years Practitioner: Mrs E Hillyard



Early Years Practitioner: Mrs N Kerry

Our Nursery Day:

Our Nursery day runs from 9am until 3pm. Half a day sessions are from 9am until 12.

Lunchtimes.

Lunchtime is from 12pm until 1.15pm. The children eat their lunch in the main school hall and are supervised by a team of dinner ladies.

Your child can bring a packed lunch or pay for a school meal. We ask for a week's notice if your child is changing from packed lunch to school lunch or vice versa. School meals are £2.40 a day and need to be paid for at the start of the week or half term.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, please make sure it is in a named lunch box. We ask that you do not send chocolate bars, sweets or nuts in your child's packed lunch. If you are sending grapes or small tomatoes, please make sure they are sliced as they are a choking hazard.

Starting Nursery:

We have invited your child to a taster play session on either 10^{th} July or 12^{th} July from 10.15am until 11.15am. Your child can be left at this session. Nursery will be open to all pupils from Tuesday 5^{th} September.

Nursery is able to offer a top up service where you pay the school directly for additional hours. The cost is five pounds an hour so £15 for an additional afternoon session. Additional hours can be arranged on a half termly basis. Please speak to a member of staff if this is something you are interested in.

Once your child has started at Bushfield Nursery we will assign them a key worker who will be your point of call to discuss any concerns or issues.

We want your child to be happy at Bushfield Road Nursery. Do not hesitate to discuss with the staff anything that is worrying you or your child. We have an open door policy, so we are always available to discuss any issues with your child's key worker. We encourage you to let us know of any special circumstances which may affect your child's happiness, security and progress.

Collecting your child from Nursery.

We ask you to keep us informed if there is an occasion when someone else will be collecting your child from Nursery. If there is a last minute change, then please call the school to inform us.

Please note that we expect your child to be collected promptly at the end of a session. If you are going to be late for any reason, please telephone the school and let us know. If you are more than 10 minutes late then you will need to collect your child from the main school office as the Nursery gates will be closed.

Please note that dogs and smoking is not allowed on school premises.

Illness and Absence:

If your child is poorly please keep him/her at home to avoid the spread of infection around the rest of the Nursery children. If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea please keep them off for 48 hours after they have stopped being ill. Please let the Nursery know the reason for your child's absence by telephoning the main school office - 01724 842829.

It is essential that you keep us informed, as absences of more than 2 weeks can lead to your child losing their place in the Nursery, due to Local Authority rules. If you are planning on taking your child on holiday please complete a Leave of Absence form, which you can request from Nursery staff.

Clothing:

In Nursery we encourage all children to wear a uniform. We ask that you make sure clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name. Bushfield jumpers or cardigans with the school logo can be bought from the school office in September, but please feel free to purchase red jumpers or cardigans from local supermarkets.

The Bushfield uniform is:

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress or red checked summer dresses
- white or red shirt or polo shirt
- Red jumper or cardigan.

Due to the nature of the activities and the age of the children in Nursery, we often find that we need spare changes of clothes. We do have items in Nursery but most children feel happier changing into another set of their own clothes. These clothes don't need to be uniform and should be brought to school every day in a named bag.

We try to keep our outdoor learning environment open throughout the year, so your child will need a coat every day. We encourage you to send appropriate clothing for the weather such as wellies, hats, gloves and sunhats.

Medication:

If your child has asthma and requires an inhaler in school time then you will need to fill in a medical form. We encourage you to ask your doctor for an additional inhaler to be kept in school. We are only able to administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor.

Toilet Training:

Please do not worry if your child is not currently toilet trained, however we strongly encourage you to work on this over the summer to support their development and get them ready for school. We are happy to work with you to support training when you feel your child is settled in Nursery and ready. If your child is still in nappies then please send a supply of nappies into school along with a packet of wipes. These will be stored in a named box in our baby change area. Please make sure your child also has a change of clothes in school.

If your child is currently using a potty at home then we have potties that they can use in school. We encourage all children to be independent in self-care but please let us know if your child still needs adult support to use the toilet or if they need reminding to use the toilet. If your child still has some toilet accidents then please make sure they have a change of clothes in school.

Jewellery, sweets and toys:

Please do not let your child bring sweets or toys from home into school. We ask that you don't send comfort items to Nursery, such as blankets, dummies or teddies. Children with pierced ears need to only wear stud earrings in Nursery. Other jewellery, such as necklaces, bracelets and rings, are not to be worn for safety reasons.

Head lice:

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice. If we notice live head lice on your child's hair you will be required to pick your child up from school to take them home to treat them. Once they have been treated they can return to school.

Birthday cakes in school:

As a result of allergies, we are unable to give children home-made cakes in school. We are happy to share shop brought, packaged cakes providing ingredients, allergy information and use by details are clear on the packet.

Parents as Partners:

We run regular Nursery open sessions for parents and carers to come into Nursery to see what we are doing and chat to staff. We will be using Tapestry to communicate what we are learning in Nursery and posting photographs of your children on there. We would love to see photographs of the children outside Nursery, so encourage you to post on their too. By working together, parents and staff can ensure the best start for your child.

Reception Places:

Applications for your child's September 2024 Reception place will be opened, from October 2023 to January 2024. These applications are completed online through North Lincolnshire Council and you will be informed of your child's school place in April 2024. The School have no say on the allocation of places and it is primarily done on whether you live in our School catchment area. For further information on the applications process, please see the Council website for their admissions policy and appeals process.

Ways to help your child before starting Nursery:

To help with your child prepare for school, please encourage them to:

- Put their own coat on.
- Begin to dress themselves.
- Wash and dry their own hands.
- Use the toilet independently.
- Begin to use a knife and fork.
- Drink from a cup.
- Eat a piece of fruit, such as an apple or pear, whole rather than having it peeled and cut into slices.
- Blow or wipe their nose with a tissue.
- Talk to your child and encourage them to use words to express their wants and needs.
- Sing Nursery Rhymes and number songs.
- Give your child opportunities to use paint, pencils, crayons and scissors.
- Look at books together, talk about the pictures and discuss what is happening in the story.
- Start to count and recognise some numbers.

Further Information:

Please see our school website for further information and updates about our Nursery: www.bushfieldinfants.com

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pogson by calling the school on 01724 842829 or emailing parents@bushfieldinfants.co.uk.